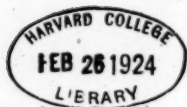


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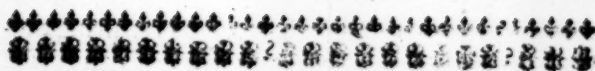
With a Relation of the great God PLUTO, suddenly
falling sicke by reason of this present Parliament.



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NOT long since an honest Yeoman comming
 up to *London*, to petition to the most honour-
 able *High Court of Parliament* in his own
 behalfe, for an especiall wrong he had recei-
 ed from certaine Projectors, who had encroached upon a par-
 cell of his Free-hold, neere to the Common where
 he dwelt, by direction of some well-minded people,
 came into *Westminster Hall*, where having waked a
 long time up and down, & not knowing unto whom
 to deliver his petition, among so many hundreds that
 he met withall, at last being desirous to take some
 repast, wherewith he might revive & comfort him-
 selfe, he came to a place neere adjoyning, which was
 tearmed by the name of Hell, and having well saris-
 fied himselfe with such a portion of meat & drinke
 as he thought might content his appetite, he deman-
 ded what might be to pay, and finding the reckoning:

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to be beyoad his expectation, he grew very much discontented at the payment thereof, and repairing presently to his Lodging, being not farre off, and being very much perplexed at his former Reckoning, he resolved at the last to betake himselfe to his Bed, and not long after falling into a slumbring sleepe (divers Whimzies and diversities of Motions, swimming in his braine of the supposed Hell where he had formerly beene) he dream'd he was in the true and locall Hell indeed :

Where being affrighted with the apparitions of divers hideous and ugly deformed diabolicall Fiends, who were by his cogitation numberlesse, he was transported by his fancie to the great Court of *Grand Pluto*, who being attended with a multitude of his blacke Guard, and other his stigmaticall Officers, there was an instant hurly-burly and combustion in the Court, about the suddenesse of *Grand-Pluto* falling into a greevous sicknesse; wherefore all the Court Doctors of Hell being summoned to appeare (with an infinit company of Witches, Conjurers, & Sorcerers, fetcht from all other places, to give their best advice therein, were admitted into his princely Chamber, and having cast his water, and debated the matter a long time about the difficulty of his Disease, at length they all agreed, that he fell sick of a Parliament.

Whereupon Proclamation being made in *Pluto's* name throughout all his Hellish Dominions, to any
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whatsoever to repaire unto his Court, with promises of great reward and favour from him, that could by any wayes comfort him in this behalfe. Upon a sudden there appeared a multitude in long button'd cassacks, high collars, and square C-ps, with small falling bands about their Necks, *who seemed to strive, against all others, to be the first that might be admitted into his presence;* and these were reported to be a company of Iesuites, *who were the deere children of Pluto,* who hearing that their Father was sicke, came in all submissive manner to visit him, and to offer their service unto him, and withall informed him, that if there were any Designe, Practice, Plot, Device, Study, or other stratagem whatsoever, that could administer him any comfort, or wherein they might any wayes expresse their duty unto him, or further enlarge his Kingdome, they would ride, runne, goe, trot, or what not to performe his pleasure therein, and withall, desired him to be of good cheere, and to be comforted in his Children, who were ready at all times to waite his will and pleasure, and to execute whatsoever he should command.

Hereupon they desired their Father *Pluto* to take notice of the former care they had to enlarge his Kingdome, by animating the great *Metropolitā* to be a meanes to bring in *Popery*, and to doe the best service he could therein.

And withall shewing how they had sowed sedition

and discord amongst the *English Hereticks*, and provoked the *Scottish Hereticks* to rebell against their Lawfull King, and to intrude into the *Territories* of this Land; and also had animated their beloved Brother *Cardinall de Richlieu* to raise a puissant Army for the invasion of this Land in two severall places, (*viz.*) at *Dover and Portsmouth*, at such times as the King was supposed to be most deeply employed in his *Warre* against the *Scots*; and likewise have wee not procured your great *Secretary of State*, *Don Antonio Demonibus* to make an especiall inrolment of all their names in your *Kalendar*, amongst those your deare Servants, the *Plotters of the Gun-powder Treason*, and those renowned *Complotters of the former invasion into this Land in 88.* and have not onely animated many noble personages, and others, to assist us in our great *Designe of bringing in of Popery into this Land*, but have also procured diuers *Popish Books* to be printed openly, thereby the better to encourage your Highnesse, deere Father, and the more to enlarge your *Kingdome*.

And for *Courts of Justice*, have we not also by our power and authority joyned with our dreadfull and High Commission, brought to passe, that if any Heretike, under the degree of a Lord, should but put on his Hat in the time of Divine Service, we kept him in our Ecclesiasticall clutches five or sixe yeares together. And have we not likewise in the *Courts of Chancery, Kings-Bench, or common Pleas*, procured diuers wayes and meanes wherby many men (though their cause were never so just) have beene either by

continually delayes wearied in their Suites, or by extorted *Fees*, *Brutery*, or other *Devices*, driven to sell and mortgage their lands, goods, and whatsoever they have bin possessed off, that a man might have worn out Buff-jerkins in that space, & yet they seldom or never had an end of their suites, but have bin fleeced and jeered out of their demeanes, so long as they could procure either mony or friends, and yet it hath bin carryed so neatly and cunningly, as if the course of Iustice had bin exactly performed.

And for the Court of Exchequer, we are able further to testify unto you (deare Father) out of our owne knowledge, that it is one of the best Courts belonging to your infernall Kingdome, for if a suite be once commenced there, they have so many delayes by putting in of Pleas, making of Motions, putting off a suite from Terme to Terme, after a Verdict given, or framing some excuses to arise from the Bench, when a Cause appointed for the day should be heard, or to cause Motion upon Motion to be made, whereby so many Orders of the Court must be wraine up, or pretending the Court not to be full, with other sinister devices and sleights there used; that wee have knowne some men to have served an Apprenticeship, and bin made Free-men, and also to have married Wives, and had children, and yet the suit formerly commenced nor ended. Therefore, deare Father Pluto, be of good comfort, and take it not so much to heart, so long as you have such dutifull children, and loving subjects; assuring your selfe, that we will doe our best endeavours to recover you of this Disease.

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Presently after this, there came a company of fellows with broad Seales about their necks, who were nominated to be *Pluto's* Journey-men, and had the title of *Pateentes*, who also hearing that their *Grand-Master* was suddenly false sick, presented themselves in all humble manner, *the further to expresse their duty and obedience unto him*; Relating unto their hellish Master, that according to their power and his appointment, they had ever bin obedient and faithfull servants unto him, in oppressing and squeezing the Common-wealth, and that they intended to continue therein, to the end of their dayes, and by what means they could possibly invent or devise, they would shew themselves to be dutifull servants unto him, in rack-ing, poling, and pinching the poore both in city and country, *under pretence of doing good in generall to the whole Common-wealth; and further declared unto their Grand-Master, that in all their projects whatsoever, they had sheltred themselves under some great Patron, the better to colour their fraud and deceit*: and likewise, that in case they had any colour of setting the poore on worke, for a generall good, they might with authority and strictnesse the more covertly hide their cunning and knavery, and withall assured their great Master, that they would sit up-late, rise early, and spare no paines to encrease his Kingdome, and humbly craved his approbation, *that they might bee further employed either herein, or in what other businesse, in that nature it pleased him to command.*

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Whereunto *Pluto* replied, that they had all done well, and left them at their owne disposing to doe what they found to be convenient, and so they were dispatched for the present.

Not long after, *Cerberus* the Porter of Hell, brought tydings vnto the palace of *Pluto*, that there was a post arrived with a packet of Letters from little *Will*; whereupon *Don Antonio Demonibus*, his chiefe Secretarie of State, was presently sent for to read them vnto *Pluto*, the contents whereof, as farre as could be gathered by those that were neere about him, was to this effect, That the said little *Will*, with diuers other great personages of the State, would with all convenient speed that might bee, come in person to visit his greatnesse, and there to remaine with him in his Court. Whereat *Pluto* being very glad, began to be somewhat chearefull at the hearing of this newes, calling him by name the Sonne of his love, and further said, he had not thought to have seene him so soone, as now by his letters directed vnto him he did expect: and thereupon *Pluto's* chiefe Secretarie of state was commanded to send an answer of the said packet of Letters by the same post to little *Will*, and the other great personages of State aforesaid, how glad he would be of their appearance in his Court, and what courteous entertainment they should have when they came there. Then *Pluto* gave command, that the post should be Royally rewarded for his paines, and called the post to him, & asked him what diet little *Will* did delight in, because the place where I keepe Court, is of a hotter Climate then he hath

beene in heretofore, the post made answer that little
Will formerly did desire tips of eares, but the Cooke
 dressed them with the blood in them, and so he tooke
 a surfet; and ever since lived at a sparing diet. And
 further told his Highnesse that he need not be at too
 much charge for little *Will's* dyet, he tooke delight
 but in two dishes especially, and they were Lamb and
 Duck, and those he meant to bring with him. And
 suddainly vpon the departure of the post with this
 answer, Pluto gave strict charge and command vnto his
 infernall attendants, that diuers faire Roomes should
 be presently trimmed vp, and hanged round about with
 Tapisstry and Cloth of Arras, for the better entertain-
 ment of little *Will* and his fellows, or any that came
 along with him. Then I was very desirous to know
 what this little *Will* was, at the first I could by no
 meanes learne, but at last I asked one that I supposed
 to be of *Pluto's* neere attendants, if he knew him or
 no, he informed me, that he did not know him, but
 surely it was one that as yet had never been in *Pluto's*
 Court before, and verily beleevved that he had per-
 formed some extraordinary businesse in *Pluto's* be-
 halfe, and deserved to be highly advanced in his infer-
 nall Court, and also supposed him to be some great
 personage, otherwise he would never have received
 the Packet of Letters which he sent him, with such
 cheerefulnesse, nor have given such a strict com-
 mand to his chiefe Secretary, and others his infernall
 servants, for his speedy and present entertainment
 to his Court.

And notwithstanding the suddain expectation of
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little *Wills* coming into *Pluto's* Court and the rest of his fellowes, which did not a little comfort and revive him in this his lingring sicknesse, yet *Pluto* found not all to be well in himselfe, but grew more and more to be perplexed and so wonderfully out of patience, that his ordinary attendants could hardly keepe him in his Bed, insomuch, that all his Hellish Doctors were once againe sent for to come with all speed vnto him, who being come there, they found that he was very dangerously sick indeed, and that he was fallen into a grievous relapse, and that there was no meanes left to recover *Pluto's* health, and to restore him to his former strength againe, or to enlarge his infernall Kingdome, but that by some device or other this present Parliament might be dissolved and broken vp, which being fully agreed vpon by all his Doctors they informed his Highnesse. *That if ever he expected to regaine his former estate, or to get any footing in England, he must with all speed call a generall Councill of all his infernall and wel-beloved Subjects, that they might advise and consult what way were best that this present Parliament might be dissolved as aforesaid.*

Whereupon *Cerberus* by speciall command and appointment of *Grand Pluto*, had authoriry to set the gates of Hell wide open, and that all passengers whatsoever, (none to be denyed) might freely have accessse to come and heare the will and pleasure of *Pluto*, and also *Charon* was commanded with all possible speed to provide himselfe of as many Boats

as he could to ferry them from all parts and places to this purpose, and when there was a huge multitude of all sorts gathered together in a large and spacious place, one of the chiefe Heraulds belonging to the internall court cryed out vnto the assembly with a loud voice, to crave a generall silence, after which, *Pluto* thus began :

My deare children, Servants, Iourneymen, and well approved Subjects, you see into what a low and weake estate I am brought, and as you have beene dutifull and obedient with all diligence hitherto to execute my commands, so my desire is, that you would alwaies continue vnto the end, I cannot forget your care, true love, industry, and paines you have taken in generall, for the enlargement of my Kingdome, and you my beloved Doctors, in endeavouring to performe your best skill, to recover my former health, as also you my dearest children whose Sanctity, we reverence, whose persons we adore, whose policies we wonder at, whose power we muse at, whose invincible Stratagems we stand amazed at, and whose Wisdomes we admire, neither can we but in the first place extoll, applaud, and highly commend you, for your extraordinary care in advancing our infernall Dominions.

And we are also pleased of our infernall grace and favour, to take notice of your great service done, in working the dissolution of the last Parliament, by which meanes nothing was effected for the good of the Hereticks, either concerning the church or common wealth, but thereby the Nobles of *England* were male-content, the Gentry discouraged, the Commons divided, the number of our servants, the *Roman*

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Catholikes infinitely encreased, and the whole Realme of England mightily oppressed; so as the successe of our designe was thereby no waies hindered.

Now my wel-beloved children, servants, Journey-men, subjects, Allies, & all my well-willers whomsoever, if you could by any Device, Stratagem, Policy, Money, Friendship, or any other delusive or sinister means, study to dissolve or break up this present Parliament, which would be the onely way, as we conceive in our Diabolicall Princely Wisdome, to breake the bond of peace & vnity amongst them, and thereby to move God to leave them to themselves, you should not onely be enrolled in our everlasting Kalendar for our dearest children and Subjects, but also be placed neere us in our favour for ever; and then also, to our great comfort, our infernall Stratagem might speedily be executed vpon them, & our Kingdome mightily encreased and enlarged.

Therefore all you my deare children, subjects, attendants, and Allyes, who are willing to doe your best endeavours for the performing of this Enterprize; we require you to be ready to take the Oath *ex officio*, & to lay your hands vpon the Book. Whereupon with a generall acclamation & consent, they all promised to doe what possible in them lay, to performe his request, and affirmed, that they all were willing to consent to his demand, & thereupon they layd their hands vpon the Booke. Then *Pluto* causing his principall attendants to raise him a litle higher on his Pillow, proceeded on this manner: You my loving Subjects who have slept aside, and made your legges your best protection, you also that are vnder the command of

the Black Rod, and you that much feare you shall be questioned this present Parliament, and you my Journey-men Patentees, and the rest of my loving Subjects here present, are you all willing to take the oath aforesaid for the breaking vp of this Parliament, then they all cryed with one voice; *willing, most willing, long live your Hellish Majestie*, I beleeeve you (said *Pluto*) take your hands from the Booke, I dare take your bare words. Whereupon *Pluto's* great Counsell was called before his infernall Highnesse, and being assembled together, they all cōcluded, that forthwith a Proclamation should be sent abroad into all places in great *Pluto's* name, the tenour whereof followeth.



TO the Pope, our right Trusty and wel-beloved Sonne, and all the Jesuiticall Rabble, our adoptred Children, to the Spaniard, Italian, French, Dutch, or what Nation people, or in what parts soever this shall come, these are to give notice, that whosoever can by any fraud, friendship, money, or any other means whatsoever, dissolve & breake vp this present Parliament, That thereby great *Pluto* may recover not onely his former health, but that his Kingdomes and Dominions may also be enlarged, he shal for so memorable an Act, be seated in place of Iudicature with his
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chiefe Iustice *Rhadamanthus* ; or next to *Pluto* himselfe, and forthwith be made Vice-Roy of Hell, prince of this world, Arch-Duke of *Styx*, *Acheron*, & *Phlegeton*, Marquesse of *Cosytus* and *Lethe*; and sole Commander (vnder him) of all Infernall Spirits and Furies.

And here vnto, we, the sayd Grand Pluto have set our Hand and Seale Royall, in the presence of all our Children, Friends and servants asforesaid.

This being proclaimed with thundring Drums, and sound of Trumpets, awaked the honest Country-man, who having seen and observed in his Dreame, all these passages and occurrents, lay for awhile as it were in a trance, trembling and in a great extasie, at last recollecting his senses, he arose, and going from his chamber to goe about his businesse, he met by chance with two of his owne Countrey-men, who had beene a long time encombred with Law-suites, vnto whom he related this his Dreame, with all the passages aforesaid, whereat they wondering, and much astonished, desired him to deliver vnto them a Copie thereof in writing, which he promised, and performed the next day following.

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